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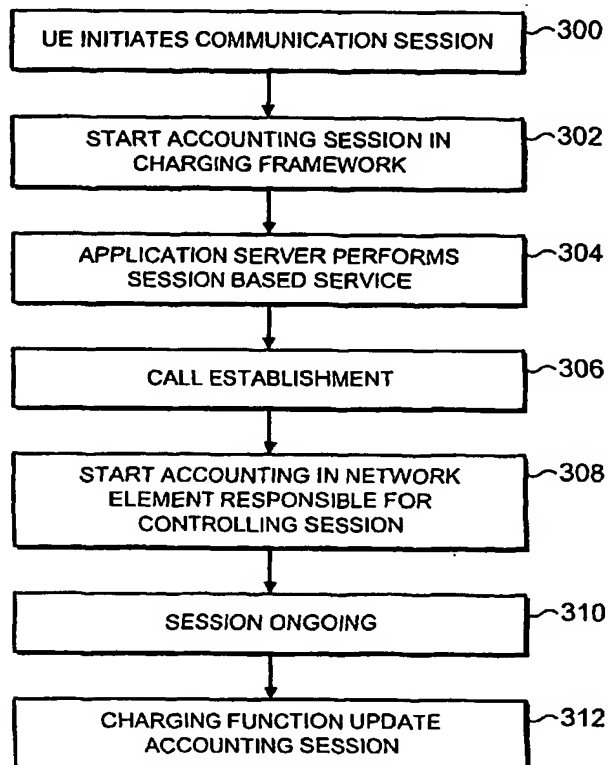
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(54) Title: **CHARGING FOR AN IP BASED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**



(57) Abstract: There is disclosed a method for charging for services in an IP based communication system, comprising: establishing an accounting session between a network element and a charging function for the session; and initiating a change in the accounting session at the charging function.